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## Clerks Take Strike Vote, Win WSB Nod

Retail Clerks Union 839 of Monterey County, victorious in a new ruling by the Wage Stabilization Board which approved wages and hours for the union as set forth in an arbitration award last week, has voted to strike any store not signing a new contract or violating the contract.

Secy.-Treas. Garold F. Miller of Local 839 said that a special strike committee would meet this week to lay plans for strategy in event a strike is necessary.

The Wage Stabilization Board's ruling rescinded a former ruling on welfare plans and approved the union's demand for a 40-hour week at same wages paid for the former 48-hour week, Miller said.

Retroactive to last Aug. 14, the ruling will mean substantial back pay checks for union clerks, it was reported. Wage increase approved amounts to 17c an hour for regular clerks.

New scales allowed by the WSB, Miller said, are: \$99 per week for managing clerks, \$77 for head clerks, \$72 for regular clerks, \$60 for apprentices during second six months and \$54 during first six months. In addition, the union's health and welfare plan is to be continued.

Miller said that last Aug. 26, after long arbitration procedure, the 40-hour workweek was put into effect but wages asked were not started by food stores.

He said the union is not definitely set in its plan of action to enforce the WSB award but will take steps shortly.

### UNIONIST ELECTED

Reading, Pa. (LPA).—Lewis G. Yost, acting president of the Central Labor Union, has been elected treasurer of the Community General Hospital.

## Florida Outbreaks Hurt Efforts To Bolster Democracy Abroad

New York City (ILNS).—Recent outbreaks in Florida and the arrest of staff members and officers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Cairo, Ill., were "a direct attack on our efforts to strengthen democracy abroad," Charles S. Zimmerman said here. Zimmerman, vice president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and chairman of the Anti-Discrimination Department of the Jewish Labor Committee, spoke at a rally at the Community Church.

Emanuel Muravchik, national field director of the Jewish Labor Committee, in reporting on his recent personnel survey in Florida to the meeting said:

"The racial outbreaks in Florida and the murders of Harry T. Moore and his wife could have been avoided had the police taken full cognizance of the advance information they had allegedly received that violence against the NAACP leader was contemplated. By their failure to recognize the danger, the racial outbreaks in Florida were given the stamp of approval by the authorities in Miami. The desecration of religious institutions was a direct result of the delinquency of the police department to follow up the information they had received in advance. Repeated racial outbreaks can only take place in a community whose authorities turn their backs on the blinding truth and the glaring facts."

Zimmerman and Muravchik told the Community Church audience that the Cicero riots, the arrest of the NAACP leaders in Cairo, and the desecration of religious houses of worship in Miami and the murders of Harry T. Moore and his wife, show that it is impossible to rely on the local government to take steps to eradicate the conditions that exist. It is necessary for the federal government to take steps through the enactment of strong civil rights legislation to assure every man, woman and child in the United States, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin, full protection.

The JLC was among the 15 sponsoring organizations of the rally held to protest the Florida bombing.

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## SALINAS CLC MEETS FRIDAY

Regular meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Council, at Salinas, will be held this Friday night at Salinas Labor Temple.

The council met on March 7 but no report was available for the Labor News.

Council Secretary A. J. Clark was out of town last Friday, traveling to Santa Barbara to visit his mother, who underwent a major operation recently.

## Highway Work Due in Salinas

Two highway projects, both on Highway 101, are due in the Salinas area in the next few months, according to Wray D. Empie, business agent of Laborers' Union 272 of Salinas.

Bids are to be opened shortly for resurfacing of 5½ miles of the highway from Chualar north to the underpass some 4 miles south of Salinas.

Planning for the freeway bypass of 101 through Salinas and Alisal has been started and preliminary work is under way to clear the right of way. This will be a major project when started.

## Teachers Ask Other Unions' Organizing Aid

The American Federation of Teachers has written all Central Labor Councils in the nation asking for support of all AFL unions in the teachers' organizing campaigns.

Teachers Union 1020 of Monterey County has called upon all local unions in the county for assistance along lines set forth in the following statement adopted at the Houston, Texas convention of the AFT:

"Academic freedom of the teacher should include not only the right to teach the truth about organized labor in the classroom but also the freedom to join organizations of her own choosing.

"Pressure upon classroom teachers by their superiors to join non-union organizations or pressure not to join union organizations are highly undemocratic procedures which should be emphatically condemned in a democratic country.

"Freedom to join a union is the right of every teacher in the public schools of the United States and any school administrator who arbitrarily denies that right to classroom teachers deserves dismissal for violation of the basic principle of democracy."

The International Union of the American Federation of Teachers will deeply appreciate any assistance which local labor bodies can give to teachers in securing for them the right to join the teachers' union and the right to refuse to join any non-union organization which they do not wish to join.

## MRS. GREGORY BREAKS WRIST

Mrs. Neva Gregory, office manager for Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey for nearly 10 years and one of the most popular of union office workers in the county, suffered a broken right wrist in a fall at her home last week.

Friends said she was working in her yard when she slipped, falling on her wrist. She worked much of last week and then took off a few days while her assistant, Mrs. Natalie Palma, took over the union office chores.

## Fairbanks Job Plumbers Going Through Salinas

Dispatch of plumbers to the \$7,000,000 construction project at Ladd Field, near Fairbanks, Alaska, is being handled through Plumbers' Union 503 of Salinas.

Business Agent E. R. Arbuckle, of Local 503, said the Don Early Co., Salinas contractors on the big project, have designated the plumbers' office in the Labor Temple at Salinas to dispatch men to the Fairbanks job. Interested union plumbers may contact Arbuckle for added details.

Productivity conferences have recently been held in Britain by manufacturers in the hosiery industry, to carry out recommendations of an Anglo-American productivity team.

## 'Millionaires Law' Introduced for OK In Cal. Legislature

(State Fed. Release)

A fantastic attempt to impose new tax burdens on the working people of the nation has been renewed in the state legislature with introduction of a resolution proposing that the U. S. Constitution be amended to provide a 25% rate ceiling on federal income, estate, and gift taxes.

A similar resolution was defeated by one vote in the State Senate during the 1951 general session of the California Legislature.

The 1952 resolution is being vigorously opposed by the California State Federation of Labor. The state AFL organization also led the successful fight to whip the 1951 resolution.

Resolutions are now in effect in 16 states asking Congress to call a constitutional convention for imposing the tax ceiling. Nine other state legislatures adopted similar measures which were either vetoed or later rescinded.

Sponsors of the "millionaires' amendment" include the anti-labor Committee for Constitutional Government, the Western Tax Council, and the American Taxpayers Association.

In Sacramento, ceiling resolutions have been introduced in both Assembly and Senate.

Sponsors of the lower house effort (AJR 2) are Assemblymen Charles E. Chapel (R., Inglewood), William W. Hansen (R., Fresno), H. W. Kelly (R., Shafter), Harold K. Levering (R., Los Angeles), Francis C. Lindsay (R., Loomis), G. Delbert Morris (R., Los Angeles) and Albert I. Stewart (R., Pasadena).

Sponsors of the upper house resolution (SJR 1) are Senators Charles Brown (D., Inyo and Mono), Paul L. Byrne (R., Butte), Earl D. Desmond (D., Sacramento), Louis G. Sutton (R., Tehama, Glenn and Colusa), Jack B. Tenney (R., Los Angeles), John F. Thompson (R., Santa Clara) and Clarence C. Ward (R., Santa Barbara).

The proposed amendment would cut federal revenues by \$16 billion a year on the basis of 1951 statistics. This would mean a slash of more than 30 per cent of income, estate, and gift tax revenues.

The ceiling would also shift the corporate tax burden to smaller business firms; impair the Government's ability to finance defense expenditures; force the Government to borrow more, thus increasing the national debt and encouraging inflation; thrust a staggering tax load on the states; make possible a federal sales tax on everything from bread to automobiles.

## Plumbers Pick State Delegates

Salinas Plumbers & Steamfitters Union 503 announced last week that Business Manager E. R. Arbuckle and Roger Mills have been elected delegates to the California Pipe Trades Council convention in the Leamington Hotel, Oakland, April 18-20.

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## VISITORS FROM SANTA CLARA AT CARP. MEET

A group of eight officials of unions making up the Santa Clara Valley District Council of Carpenters visited the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters meeting in Santa Cruz last Tuesday.

The visitors spoke briefly on conditions existing in Santa Clara County, told of employment prospects, pledged cooperation with the Santa Cruz-Monterey county council, and wished the new Monterey Bay District group success in its actions.

Subjects of discussion at the council meeting included the Fort Ord project, contract negotiations, and the state carpenter convention held late last week in Los Angeles.

Santa Cruz Carpenters Union 829 was host to the gathering and served refreshments after business sessions. The meeting was in the Santa Cruz Veterans Hall.

Next meeting of the Monterey Bay District Council was called for Tuesday night, April 8, at Salinas, with Local 925 as host.

## Mont. Laborers See Good Future

Despite adverse weather of last week, the work picture for Monterey Laborers Union 690 is unusually bright, according to Business Agent "Lefty" Jenkins.

Laborers are on call, weather permitting, to start extensive work of razing old warehouses and the stockade at Fort Ord, preparatory to new construction, Jenkins said. Other work in the area due to start includes the sewage disposal plant project at Pacific Grove.

Jenkins, who came to Monterey from Oakland, praised the membership of Local 690 for interest in union affairs and attendance at meetings. He said he hopes to have all members working within three weeks.

## Fight for Govt. Fish Aid Spreads

Efforts of the fishing and fish canning industry in Monterey to gain relief after recent bad seasons by securing government orders for various available fish have been spread, it was reported last week.

Officials of a number of government agencies are being contacted, union officials said, and asked to support the move for federal fish orders.

# HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



# SHOP IN SALINAS..

## Judge Protects Lawful Pickets

Columbus, Ohio—"I will not enjoin lawful, peaceful picketing."

With that statement, Common Pleas Judge Joseph Clifford refused to halt union organizing activity at the Neil House here.

The hotel had brought the Hotel and Restaurant Employees into court in a \$3.1 million damage and injunction suit.

In refusing to grant a restraining order against picketing, Judge Clifford said, "The picketers have conducted their picketing in a peaceful manner and have not attempted in any way to interfere or exercise coercion and have not resorted to violence."

Many public officials and clergymen testified in behalf of the union during the hearing.

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## Making Ends Meet

# Winter Greens High in Food Value, But Low in Price

By BERT SEIDMAN

Don't overlook the winter greens which are in the market now.

They include spinach, lettuce, escarole, kale, endive, and chicory. They are all high in vitamin and mineral content and right now most of them are reasonably priced. Most of them have the added advantage that they can be used uncooked in salads or as a cooked vegetable.

Fast transportation and up-to-date methods of refrigeration have made it possible to obtain these winter greens in almost every locality.

## FROZEN JUICE

Tremendous production of frozen citrus juices has dropped the prices well below last year's level. The can of frozen juice which sold at 29c a year ago can now be bought in many stores at about 19c.

This price drop has been brought about by record production of oranges, grapefruit, and tangerines, combined with intense competition among frozen fruit juice manufacturers. This year 36 million gallons of frozen orange juice will be produced by an industry that did not even exist five years ago.

## FISH FOR LENT

During the Lenten season, fish—fresh, frozen and canned—becomes a standard item on many family tables.

One popular canned fish is tuna. Canned tuna is graded according to the color of the meat and the size of the pieces. "White meat tuna" is the most expensive type, but tuna flakes and grated-style tuna have just as much food value and are more economical. The tuna flakes are simply the broken pieces resulting from handling and packing.

## LUNCH PACKING

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture says that by streamlining the lunch-packing routine a housewife may be able to cut the time in half.

The secret of making lunch-packing more efficient is to have one place in the kitchen where all utensils, supplies and equipment for the job are kept within easy reach and sight. These might include a small slicing board, spreaders, lunch bags, mixing bowls, canned lunch foods, and waxed paper. Spreads and crisp foods like lettuce, used in packing lunches, should be kept in one corner of the refrigerator.

This arrangement of keeping everything close at hand should save both steps and minutes when packing lunches.

## AFL Laborers Open Free Medical Clinic In Washington

Washington (LPA).—An 11-room free medical clinic was opened here March 10 to serve the 5000 members of seven locals affiliated with the AFL Laborers District Council and their 15,000 dependents.

The clinic, to be staffed with 10 to 15 doctors, will be operated by the Council's health and welfare fund to which both employers and union members contribute. All services will be free, but members may still obtain private treatment and have it paid for by the fund.

## PLUMBER RACERS

Terre Haute, Ind. (LPA).—Ninety members of the Plumbers and Steamfitters local here have incorporated as the Pipe Fitters Racing Assn., bought a race car, and intend to enter it in the Indianapolis 500-mile classic on May 30.

## PRE-TESTING COSMETICS

The Food and Drug Administration says that consumers are being used as "guinea pigs" by a few cosmetic manufacturers who sell products which are unsafe.

The FDA has, therefore, asked to be given the authority to pre-test new cosmetics. At the present time it can only take action to ban harmful cosmetics after persons using them have been injured.

The products which have been complained about include creams containing mercury compounds, depilatories, deodorants, hair curlers, hair straighteners, hair rinses, hair dyes, hair lotions, shampoos, and many other types of cosmetics.

Always make sure that the union label is on the products you buy. It is your way of knowing that you are purchasing a product made by union men and women under union working conditions.

## Cal. Factory Jobs At Record Highs

Manufacturing employment in California increased in February to a new postwar high for that month, the State Department of Industrial Relations announced.

Manufacturing plants in the State employed 884,900 wage and salary workers in February compared with 878,700 in January and 823,500 in February of last year.

The increase of 7 percent over the February 1951 level represents the smallest year-to-year rise for any month since the rapid expansion in manufacturing employment began shortly after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. This reflects the tapering off of the increase in defense production which became apparent in the last few months.

Except in defense plants, employment is most manufacturing industries in February was approximately at the level of February 1951 or lower.

In industries such as aircraft, electrical equipment, and machinery, which are engaged in the production of defense items, employment is substantially above last year.

The greatest increase since last year has been in aircraft. Employment of 185,100 in the industry represents an increase of 57,500 in the past 12-month period—a gain of 45 percent.

An all-time high of 38,900 employees was recorded in the electrical equipment industry in February. This was 23 percent above the level of February 1951. The current total is almost half again as high as the wartime peak for this industry.

Employment in plants manufacturing machinery of all types except electrical reached 72,600 in February which was 19 percent higher than a year ago.

Employment in apparel manufacturing continued substantially below 1951 levels. Other industries reporting losses since last year include automobile, lumber, furniture, and stone, clay, and glass products.

In looking back over the past five years, the department noted that in February 1952 there were 125 manufacturing employees in California for every 100 employed in 1947. The increase in the past five years has not been confined to defense industries, Mr. Scharrenberg pointed out, but was general in most manufacturing industries. The greatest rise, of course, has occurred in industries manufacturing defense products; for example, employment in aircraft of 185,100 is more than 100,000 greater than in February 1947 when 80,800 wage and salary workers were employed in this industry.

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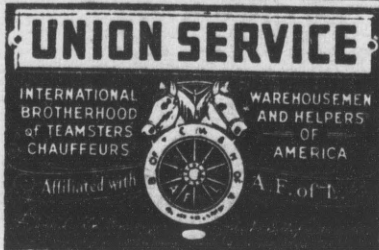
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Your secretary had a very busy week attending negotiating meetings in Los Angeles on Monday, March 10; Cannery Council meeting on Tuesday, March 11; and on Wednesday, March 12 attended meetings for the AGC and Long Line and Turn Around divisions. He would like to state that the demands for both of these groups from all other local unions under the Truck Owners Association, were very similar to those submitted from this union. We are very confident that the major things asked for will be demanded very strenuously by our small negotiating committee comprised of our International Representatives, Einar Mohn and William Conboy.

We have no report regarding negotiations for the fluid milk industry since members of the negotiating committee of the industry have not been available. However, a tentative meeting is set for March 21. At that time we hope to report progress.

We have been attempting to organize the vegetable packing shed in Gonzales. We ask any members that have friends or relatives working in this plant to give all assistance possible. In order that we may continue to maintain wages and conditions for our people employed in this industry, we must have 100 percent organization in all sheds.

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Brother Ed Moe is proudly displaying a merit certificate from the city of San Francisco, signed by the Mayor, for outstanding volunteer service during the last war. Brother Moe always does things in a whole-hearted manner. Don't forget his outstanding record as a blood donor—to date he has donated 27 pints of blood—seven of them to the local blood bank.

And speaking of the blood bank, have you donated yet? We all know the importance of blood and blood plasma to those G.I.'s in Korea. Surely, no reader of this column would hesitate to save a life had they the chance. This is your chance. It takes so little time to donate a pint of blood. Call or go to your union office today and sign a pledge card.

Register to Vote—and Vote!

The deadline is drawing near—you must be registered by April 10 to be eligible to vote in the primary elections. You may register to vote at the union office, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas.

NEWS BITS—It's a baby girl for Mr. and Mrs. Warren Girard. Little Debra was born February 20 and is doing fine.

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### Scandinavians Get 3 Wks. Paid Vacations

Vacations with pay are the rule in the Scandinavian countries, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports.

Norwegian and Swedish workers get 3 weeks' paid vacations, of which 2 weeks must be taken in the summer. In Denmark, 2-week vacations are the practice.

In Norway, since 1950, wives of organized workers may have a 2-week holiday at a mountain resort, with expenses paid by the Norwegian Trade Union Holiday Association.

## Teacher Position On Tax Policy

At the present time there is a persistent rumor to the effect that, because of the surplus in the state treasury, taxes will be cut at the budgetary session of the California Legislature this spring. It therefore may be of interest to the people of California and the Legislature for segments of the organized population to state their attitudes on the above proposal.

In behalf of the California State Federation of Teachers, I wish to state the following:

We are opposed to any reduction in school revenues during the present year. In point of fact, the present tax structure has not been used to maintain even a minimum decent program for the educational needs of the state, let alone any reduction in same. We in California in a prosperous period are not today spending as much, percentage-wise, of our tax structure on education as we did prior to World War II. It becomes a travesty of the program of education, therefore, to speak of any reduction in the program. On the contrary, the Legislature and its members are charged with the responsibility of seeking further revenues for support of our public program of education.

For many years, the state of California has led the nation in its progressive and liberal expenditure for public school finances. One phase of this program is the evening school classes, which educate as a continuing process both for adults and pre-adults bordering maturity. This program too, must not be cut in any economy move. It is strange indeed, that there should be talk of cutting down on education when a huge surplus exists in the state treasury! Where better can the tax dollars be spent in a democracy than in an educational function?

Because of the surplus the Legislature is in the fortunate position of being able to devote attention to the total tax program in the state. Isn't it time, therefore, to consider this total tax program based upon equitability and ability to pay for our financial structure? Instead of any move to decrease taxes, it is incumbent upon the citizens' representatives in the State Legislature to seek further services and to expand upon the present educational functions in the state of California.

The California Federation of Teachers takes the position that our first bulwark against the encroachments of the communist and fascist ideologies is our public school system. In the long run, we cannot succeed in this ideological struggle without full steam to the educational program. This fact is recognized in the Soviet Union, which has constantly expanded its system of education. It is hoped, therefore, that the Legislature will increase the school funds this spring consistent with the needs, rather than favor any curtailment. I call on all public bodies to seriously consider the alternatives to the expansion of education in California.

—BEN RUST, President,  
Calif. Fed. of Teachers.

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## Truth Will Out

The daily press owes labor a public apology for a phony smear used to inflame the American people against labor during the critical days of the last war.

Hundreds of newspapers printed screaming Page 1 headlines on the original libel, which first appeared in the Akron Beacon Journal in 1943. Not a single one of them, to our knowledge, has had the grace to reprint the apology, which the Akron Journal buried in an obscure corner of its editorial page recently.

The original story, purporting to come from an unnamed Navy pilot, home on leave, said that the crew of an unnamed merchant ship had refused, because of a dispute on overtime pay, to unload vital cargo for the armed forces battling for their lives against the Japanese at Guadalcanal.

Naturally, this gave the newspaper editorial writers a field day for a bombardment of union labor.

The truth, at last, is out. Ralph Blair, of Akron, boatswain of the ship, the Grenville M. Dodge, gave it to the Beacon Journal.

He said military authorities ordered suspension of unloading because of an impending attack by enemy planes and directed that the ship head out to sea where there would be less danger of its being destroyed like a sitting duck. No member of the crew refused to unload the ship because of long hours or overtime pay demands, Blair insisted.

How about that apology, Mr. Editor?

## Senators and Inflation

When the Senate unanimously confirmed Roger Putnam, a businessman, as Economic Stabilizer it was to be assumed that Senators would heed his advice.

Here is Putnam's advice on controlling inflation, as given recently to the Joint Congressional Economic Committee.

"This coming year is going to be difficult for inflation controls because we are going to be pumping into this economy billions upon billions of dollars more for defense purposes than was spent last year.

"The annual rate of defense spending a year from now will be almost \$30 billion more than the rate in the last half of 1950, more than this country spent in 1950 or 1951 for all consumer durable goods. I don't think we have seen the full pressure of inflation.

"We have got to think of how to hold this additional pressure we all know is coming. I feel first and foremost that the Defense Production Act should be extended, definitely, and for 2 years, because I think that is as quickly as we can envision getting out of these woods."

The Senate Banking Committee now is studying price controls and we shall soon see how closely Senators who approved Putnam for the stabilization job will follow his advice.

## The Senatorial Seven

The halls of Congress and the political platforms have echoed for many months with charges of corruption in government.

Most sensational charges have concerned the operations of the Department of Internal Revenue.

The Hoover Commission on Government Reorganization, set up by Congress, proposed that the bureau personnel should be taken out of politics. Place everybody, except the commissioner, under civil service, said the commission.

President Truman put before Congress a reorganization plan in line with the commission recommendations.

The plan went before the Senate Committee on Executive Expenditures. It voted 7 to 5 to disapprove it.

Who were the 7, the 7 among those who cry out loudly against corruption, the 7 who were presented with an opportunity to act, and did not?

They were McClellan (D., Ark.), Hoey (D., N.C.), McCarthy (R., Wis.), Mundt (R., S. D.), Schoepel (R., Kan.), Dworshak (R., Idaho), Nixon (R., Calif.).

Controlled press and radio say that farmers, wage-earners are doing so well they don't need higher income. They fail to tell all the story, as usual. Twenty percent of the people have 60 percent of the savings, and this 20 percent take in half of the entire income. The rich get richer, the poor, poorer.

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## JOKES, Etc.

He didn't believe in flying saucers until he pinched the waitress on her proscenium.

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A friend of mine recently moved to the country. He bought a cute old-fashioned farm house—just five rooms and a path.

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The meanest man in town had just died. All of his life he had been a pinchpenny, a killjoy with never a smile for anyone. Returning from the funeral, the pallbearers were gathered in the barbershop. One of them allowed as how "it just ain't right not to have at least something good to say about the deceased." After a considerable period of silence the barber spoke up. "Well, I could say this . . . he was not a hard man to shave."

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Some students are like blotters. They soak up everything, but get it all backwards.

There's a simple way to keep up with the Joneses. Just slow down and soon you'll meet them coming back.

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"What did you give the baby on his first birthday?"

"We opened his piggy bank and gave him an electric iron."

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"Is Bob a confirmed bachelor?"

"He is now. He sent his photograph to a Lonely Hearts Club and they sent it back with a note saying 'We're not that lonely.'"

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Mechanic: "My advice is to keep that car of yours moving."

Owner: "Why?"

Mechanic: "Well, if you ever stop, the cops will think it's an accident."

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President: "Where's the cashier?"

Manager: "Gone to the races."

President: "Gone to the races in business hours?"

Manager: "Yes, sir, it's his last chance of making the books balance."

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A dumb girl turns a deaf ear to a blind date.

## Teamsters Put \$40,000 Back Pay in Bonds

Los Angeles (LPA)—Of 250 unionists who got a total of \$67,500 in retroactive pay, 205 bought \$40,000 worth of U. S. defense bonds. The union is Local 626, Los Angeles Meat and Provision Drivers, and the men put the money in bonds at the suggestion of A. J. Menard, union secretary.

Support your stewards.

A man lays down the law to his wife but he has to accept all the

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"Now, gentlemen," said the president of the Homely Baby Bottle Co., "we have 50,000 of these feeding bottles in stock and we expect you salesmen to go out and create a demand."

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A new draftee was hailed before the company commander, charged with using insulting language to his sergeant.

"But, sir," he protested, "I was only answering a question."

"What question?" snapped the officer.

"Well, sir, the sergeant said: 'What do you think I am?' and I told him."

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A son at college was applying pressure for more money from home. He wrote to his father:

"I cannot understand why you call yourself a kind father when you haven't sent me a check for three weeks. What sort of kindness do you call that?"

His father replied: "That is unremitting kindness."

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A spinster is a lady desperate enough to play post office with a second class male.

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Junior: "Pop, I need an encyclopedia for school."

Pop: "Whaddya mean encyclopedia! You can walk to school like I did."

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The real curse of drink is having to pay for it.

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Often a person will soft soap you before taking you to the cleaners.

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Man can now travel swiftly on land, air and water. The trouble is his creditors can too.

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A faithful husband is any man who is married to a trusting wife.

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Destiny used to shape our ends. Now dieting does.

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A soldier was reading a letter from home and appeared startled. "We have a freak in the family," he told his buddy. "Mom says: 'You won't know Willie when you come back. He has grown another foot.'"

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A policeman rang the doorbell and a scared-looking young woman appeared and asked: "What do you want?"

The policeman replied: "Well, miss, we've had a telephone report that a fellow named Beethoven was being murdered in this house."



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Since this is so important to the wage earner, he should assist the employer by having his social security card with him whenever he goes to work. He should make sure his employer has his name and number recorded correctly, and examine his payroll receipts or pay check stubs to see that the employer is reporting his earnings under the correct social security number.

It is also recommended that every worker check his social security account every two or three years to be sure he is being properly credited with all his earnings.

Your social security office is ready to serve you at all times by issuing you a new or duplicate social security card, or helping you obtain information concerning your earnings record. Consult the office at the above address if you wish further information concerning social security.

## Ceiling on Autos Raised 120,000 Units

Washington. (LPA)—The government has raised the ceiling on auto production from 930,000 units to 1,050,000, for the second quarter, Sen. Blair Moody (D., Mich.) announced March 6.

The industry had asked for a ceiling of 1,100,000 units, and the National Production Authority had recommended 1,000,000. Henry Fowler, NPA administrator, had previously predicted the ceiling would be raised because the steel situation has eased, and the military were turning back copper and aluminum.

## YOU MAY NOT VOTE

If You Are Not Properly Registered

You must go and register if you have:

1. Changed your name since last election.
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4. Reached the age of 21 since the last election.

You must register by Thursday, April 10, in order to vote in the most important election of the year—the June 3 Primary.



## As Our Readers See It

(Readers of this paper are invited to express their opinions in this column. Such opinions reflect the ideas only of the contributors and not the editorial viewpoint of this paper. Positively no letters will be published unless signed by the writer and the address given. Shorter contributions will be given first consideration, and the editor reserves the right to abbreviate.)

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend you for the timely article carried in a recent issue on the importation of Korean labor as sponsored by H. Strobel, secretary of the Associated Farmers.

Unemployment steadily increasing, many going hungry, it is unbelievable to think such a condition as bringing more cheap labor into the U.S. can be allowed.

The cotton pickers and farm laborers were actually starving in a land of plenty. There was plenty of cake, but neither bread nor cake for them.

We need a few more books like "Grapes of Wrath." It makes one see the injustice of the whole situation.

I trust you will continue to blast that and other similar propositions that may arise in the future.

Respectfully,

MRS. JEAN WILSON  
San Francisco.

## Paid Time Off For Voting Upheld By Supreme Court

Washington (LPA)—The Missouri law requiring employers to give workers four hours off, with pay, on election day has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, 8 to 1, with Justice Robert H. Jackson dissenting.

Jackson said the statute applies not only to industry but to farmers, small enterprises, professional offices, housewives with domestic help, and all other employers. He added that the statute does not require the employees thus given time off for voting to do so.

Twenty-four states have laws for time off to vote, and 15 make it unlawful to dock a worker during absence at the polls.

Attend union meetings!

## Bread and Butter Facts CONTROLS LAW HOLDS KEY TO FUTURE PRICE TRENDS

By PETER HENLE, AFL Assistant Economist

Which way is the economy headed, up or down?

Has the inflationary impact of the defense program run its course, with the result that prices and production are now starting a long toboggan slide?

Right now, the newspapers are full of this point of view. The headlines emphasize a loosening of the tight supplies of scarce metals, a drop in prices, increasing unemployment, and falling profits.

### PRICES NEAR TOP

Much of this is true. On the other hand, many of these stories place the emphasis on one small aspect of the problem, blowing up incidental facts out of all proportion to their real value.

For example, take prices. It is quite true that consumer prices did not increase from December to January; yet this still leaves them at an all-time high.

While some prices, particularly clothing and shoes, have fallen in recent months, the Labor Department figures show that prices as a whole are pressing right close to the top for items that make up 80 per cent of the family budget.

What about unemployment? It is certainly true that poor planning in the defense program has been the cause of serious unemployment in a number of localities around the country. Yet, total unemployment is still very low and recently released figures show that more people were at work last month than in any February in the nation's history.

### PRODUCTION SLIPPED

Production, too, has slipped in certain so-called "soft goods." However, most of the rest of the economy—machinery, chemicals, and other "hard goods"—is experiencing a boom.

Corporation executives have begun to complain about profits. Yet the figures show that in 1951 profits before taxes, as well as dividend payments, set an all-time high.

Overshadowing the specific development on each of these issues is the nation's defense program. It is still growing. In fact, during this year it will be increasing by about 50 per cent.

Under these circumstances, inflationary pressures can assert themselves at any time. They have not done so during the past year only because our controls program, together with higher taxes, have made it possible for

consumers to save rather than spend. This condition may not last. If Congress overturns the general framework of controls in the Defense Production Act, there will be little to stop the inflationary forces.

## Armed Might Is Not Enough, AFL Aide Says

Chicago (LPA)—We cannot rely on military strength alone to keep our part of the world free and democratic," Richard Deverall told 750 people at the John A. Ryan Forum here. Deverall is the AFL representative in the Far East.

"We've got to rely more and more heavily on measures such as Point Four to help the underprivileged nations to help themselves," he said. Discussing "What the Average American Can Do For Peace," Deverall said everything we do to wipe out racial discrimination at home and abroad helps eliminate the distrust which other people feel toward us.

He charged that the new U.S. treaty with Japan contains remnants of colonialism and imperialism. He pointed out that American servicemen committing crimes in Japan are tried, not by Japanese courts, but by U. S. military courts. "The Japanese feel that we're looking down our noses at them," said Deverall. "In England any GI who commits a crime outside a military establishment comes under English courts."

Deverall declared that both as a civilian and an Army man abroad he had been shocked by the conduct of American troops in foreign countries.

### Now That's Tough

In London, England, British union leaders were left speechless when they were told that the Sheik of Kuwait was seeking advice on how to spend his money. Kuwait, a tiny kingdom on the Persian Gulf, was recently opened as a fabulously rich oil field and the Sheik found himself with an income of \$2,500,000 a week, or \$130,000,000, with nothing to buy with it in Kuwait.

### "UNION MAID"



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### Valley Baseball Schedule Set

Schedule of the Salinas Valley Baseball League has been prepared and will be listed in this paper at a later date.

Commissioner Jimmie Butler, who also is secretary of Barbers Union 827 in Salinas, said the season will open on Sunday, April 6, with Soledad playing Gonzales, King City at Greenfield, and Salinas Moose drawing the bye.

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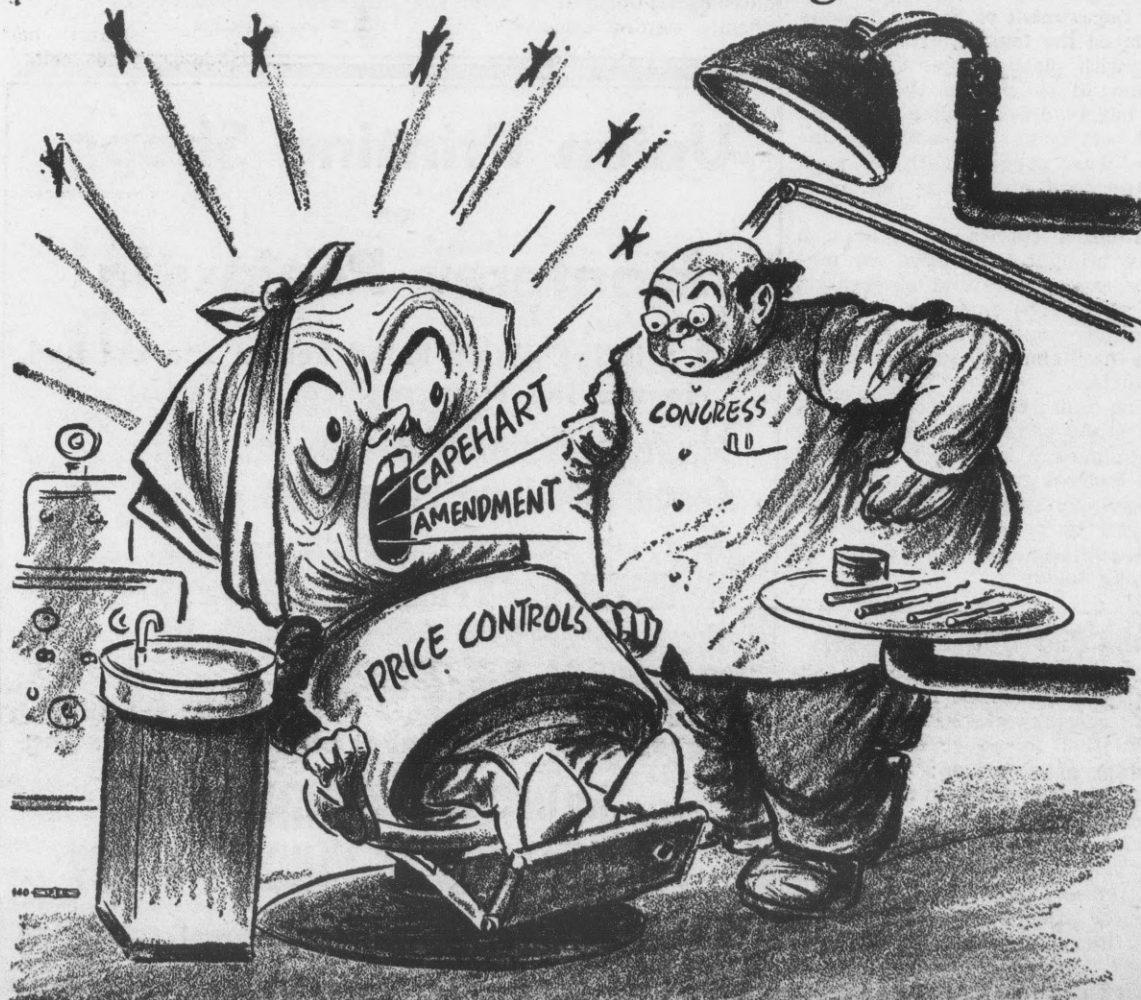


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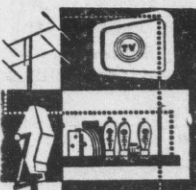
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# OUTPUT RISES 12 PCT. SINCE '49, BUT WAGES DROP 1.5 PCT.

Washington. (LPA)—Warning that "our economy will head for serious depression unless consuming power keeps pace with production from now forward," the AFL has called for "acceptance by employers and industry generally of a productivity wage policy." "Workers must advance their incomes proportionately with their producing power in individual plants; otherwise living standards will lag and the economy cannot be kept in balance," the AFL's Labor Monthly Survey said March 9.

"Our nation is not at war. Defense production, even at its peak, will require no more than 18 per cent of our total national product. Workers are making definite and serious sacrifices under wage controls in the defense period."

Contrasting a productivity increase of 12 per cent since 1949 with a drop of 1½ per cent in a single factory worker's real wage and a rise for a worker with three dependents of less than 1 per cent, the publication stressed that workers gained most under normal free enterprise, without controls.

## BIGGER LAG SINCE '39

Since 1939 productivity has risen about 38 per cent while the buying power of the factory worker's straight-time pay rose only 12 per cent, "with nearly all the gain made between 1947 and mid-1950," the AFL stated. Failure of workers' buying power to keep pace with their producing power was blamed on "government controls shackling collective bargaining, heavy tax burdens, inflation."

"In 1939, a factory worker with an average income of \$24.88 paid no taxes; today he pays 22.2 per cent of his earnings (after exemptions and deductions) to the Federal Government," it pointed out. "And this does not include hidden taxes or state and local taxes. It is estimated that today the average family with an income of \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year (\$1.50 to \$2 an hour if working full time) pays over \$900 in total taxes."

"The simple fact is that prices are too high and workers' buying power too low to sustain industry for long periods at the high production levels required by our vast increase in producing capacity," it continued. "With today's high costs of food and clothing, with rents rising and the heavy federal tax load increasing, workers cannot afford the autos, appliances, furniture and other things they want to own."

"The Government's economic planners have arranged vast producing capacity, but how is it to serve American citizens by raising living standards when wages are frozen? There are more than 15 million families with incomes under \$3,000—an immense potential market for metal consumer goods, electric power, gasoline, etc. But how is their income to be raised? The bureaucratic planners cannot answer this question. But unions, jointly with management, can answer it."

## Are You Registered?

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week urged all AFL unions to remind their membership that Thursday, April 10, is the last day on which citizens may register to vote in the June 3 primary elections.

An individual must register by April 10 if he has:

- Changed his name since the last election.
- Changed his address.
- Failed to vote in both the general and primary elections of 1950.
- Reached the age of 21 since the last election and not yet registered, or will become 21 prior to June 3, date of the primary election.

## Open 4 Reservoirs To Bass Fishing

Four reclamation reservoirs in California, all easily accessible to sportsmen, have been opened to year-around black bass fishing for the first time this year; Regional Director, Richard L. Boke of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation announces.

He lists them as Shasta Lake, on the Sacramento River near Redding; Millerton Lake, behind Friant Dam on the San Joaquin River near Fresno; and East Park and Stony Gorge Reservoirs, on Stony Creek west of Willows.

"Black bass have been planted in the reservoirs over a period of several years by the State Fish and Game Commission in cooperation with sportsmen's groups," Boke said. "The Commission now has legalized year-around fishing in these four good black bass lakes. But fishing experts say that the best months for black bass plug casting are March, April and May, before the onset of hot weather."

"Shasta Lake, a 29,000-acre body of water a stone's throw from Highway 99, came into its own as a bass fishing lake last year," Boke added. "At first rough fish appeared to have taken over the lake, but bass seem to be gaining steadily. Millerton Lake has had good bass fishing for several years, as have the smaller reservoirs, particularly East Park."

Boke pointed out that although Shasta is open for bass fishing the year around, it also has been planted with Kamloops trout. California Kamloops, Inc., which planted the new game fish, asks all sportsmen to return to the lake any marked Kamloops which may be caught by bass fishermen. Both varieties can thrive in Shasta Lake, because they inhabit different stratas of water for most of the year, he said.

The Regional Director said that boat rental and docking facilities are available to the public at all of the lakes except Stony Gorge.

He pointed out that all the lakes are readily accessible by automobile. Shasta Lake is crossed by Highway 99 at two places north of Redding. Lake Millerton may be reached from Fresno via State Highway 41, and by county highway from Madera. East Park and Stony Gorge reservoirs are accessible by county roads from Willows, Maxwell, or Williams, on Highway 99-W.

## Hunt Mex. Yellowtail

The California Marine Fisheries Laboratory has announced the completion of a two-week mid-winter voyage of the research vessel "N. B. Scofield" in Mexican waters to explore yellowtail fishing areas and determine suitable methods of tagging.

Biologist Robert D. Collyer of the Department of Fish and Game reported the tagging of 53 yellowtail with plastic discs. Of the 78 yellowtail caught on the voyage, all but two were taken with rod and reel using live sardines. One fish was caught with a troll feather and another by use of a salted sardine.

A dozen species of ocean fish were brought back alive for tagging experiments and observation at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography aquarium in La Jolla and the Steinhart aquarium in San Francisco.

The cruise was part of a yellowtail study being conducted by the State agency in cooperation with the Federal government under the Dingell-Johnson Act. It is financed largely by return to the State of proceeds from the Federal tax on fishing tackle.

## Abalone Season Opens

The rugged sport of abalone fishing resumed March 16 in California's coastal waters with one new regulation in effect for the 10-month open season: Fishermen must be equipped with an accurate measuring device.

Last year's bag limit of five per day and size limits of seven inches for red abalones, six and one-quarter for greens, six for pinks, and five inches for blacks, will be in effect during 1952, according to the Department of Fish and Game.



## Distress Areas To Get Work

Officials admit it will be late spring or early summer before the new program for channeling defense work into areas and industries of high unemployment gets under way.

The new government program became effective Feb. 7, when government procurement officers were authorized to place war orders in distress areas and industries although the work might be done at less cost elsewhere.

However the procedure requires that the Labor Department certify that a large manpower surplus exists in an area or industry, a special federal committee must make a survey and make recommendations, and these must be studied and approved by the Office of Defense Mobilization.

Even then, many plants will have to be reopened and retooled to handle defense production.

## Teachers Stay Out; Close All Schools In Providence, R.I.

Providence, R. I. (LPA)—All 65 public schools in this second largest city in New England were closed March 10 when some 700 members of the AFL American Federation of Teachers failed to report for classes and 400 members of the independent Teachers' Assn. refused to cross picket lines.

The union teachers, seeking a \$400 annual pay increase, had been trying to negotiate with the School Board since shortly after the schools opened last September.

The board, adamant in its refusal to meet with them, insisted "there is no money." More than 26,000 pupils enjoyed a holiday.

Twenty-five States, Alaska, Hawaii, and the District of Columbia provide full coverage of occupational diseases under workmen's compensation laws. Eighteen other States and Puerto Rico cover specifically named diseases.

## OPS Chief Backs Charge of Plot To Wreck Controls

Chicago. (LPA)—Ellis Arnall, in his first public address since succeeding Mike DiSalle as price administrator, charged March 5 that part of the cattle industry is waging "a callous and irresponsible" campaign to wreck all price controls.

Arnall named no names, but an LPA story previously had named the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders as a prime mover in the campaign, had listed other names, and had quoted the contents of a confidential letter calling for a secret meeting in Chicago Feb. 28, to plot the campaign. Part of the plan was to create an artificial meat shortage next summer and get consumers to put pressure on Congress. A similar misleading campaign by the National Association of Manufacturers wrecked price controls in 1946 and the cost of living immediately zoomed.

Arnall pointed out that the OPA held the rise in the cost of living to 4.3 percent "during three full years of extreme wartime pressures."

## Congress Warned By Putnam Against 'Selective' Controls

Washington (LPA). — Congress was warned March 6 that "selective" controls could set off another round of inflation. The warning came from Economic Stabilizer Roger Putnam. Testifying before the Senate Banking Committee considering extension or revision of the Defense Production Act, Putnam said:

"We must be sure that in any action we take we do not set off a mass reaction of panic buying, which, with our accumulated savings, could lead us into another round of inflation." Putnam said stronger controls are needed because the danger of more inflation is still acute.

Putnam thus echoed Defense boss Charles Wilson, who told the committee earlier that if there were to be any "selective" controls, he wanted the Office of Price Stabilization to handle it, and not Congress.

Putnam said the Steelworkers are entitled to a pay raise "if they are to catch up with inflation," because they have had no cost-of-living raise, while "most other" workers have.

OPS chief Ellis Arnall testified prices will start going up again after some "slight declines" in the next few months.

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## Declining Sales, Not Taxes, Cut Profits, Says Paper

New York (LPA).—Here it is, right from the horse's mouth. "Taxes have proved harmful, but in most cases declining sales volumes have been the biggest contributor to lowered earnings and dividends." That's from the Journal of Commerce, in a story entitled "Dividends Take Turn for Worse." Nevertheless, increased dividends for February were announced by: Allied Chemical, Arundel, Capital Transit of Washington, D.C., Carborundum, General Finance, General Refractories, Halliburton Oil Well Cement, Irving Trust, McGraw-Hill, Nopco Chemical, Northern Indiana Public Service, Page Hersey Tubes, and Wisconsin Hydro-Electric.

The following announced extra dividends: Abbott Laboratories, Briggs & Stratton, Bullard, Driver-Harris, Lakey Foundry & Machine, Mohawk Rubber, Texas Gulf Sulphur, United Fruit and Woodward Iron, according to the Journal.

The Pure Oil Co. net profits (after all taxes) rose from \$30,329,084 in 1950 to \$33,593,727 in 1951. Reynolds Metals Co. net profits were \$12,599,731 in 1950, rose to \$15,837,846 in 1951.

Question—Does California have what is commonly known as an Occupational Statute?

Answer—No. Under present legislation, the law does not differentiate between the effects of trauma or disease and the compensation benefits recoverable, in either case, are the same.

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# Labor News

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1952

## CAPEHART LAW TO ROB US OF \$750,000,000 MORE

Washington (LPA)—The Capehart amendment has already cost the public \$750 million in higher prices, and if not repealed will cost the public \$750 million more, Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson declared March 4.

He made his estimate as the Senate Banking committee opened hearings on legislation to replace the present Defense Production Act, which expires June 30.

Wilson urged Congress to shut off further price hikes under the Capehart amendment and called for its repeal, warning that "the vast bulk of the increases (under the Capehart provision) is still ahead," and that some will be "very costly." The amendment, branded by labor as "built-in inflation," permits manufacturers to tack on to their prices all increased costs through July 26, 1951.

Wilson called for stronger controls because inflation still threatens, said some shortages are easing but other are getting worse; that dislocation of labor has been held "to an absolute minimum"; that the building situation, especially in New York with 250,000 construction workers idle, "will improve quite rapidly."

He also asked for repeal of the Herlong amendment, which guarantees to the sellers all down the line their pre-Korea percentage markups. He urged a two-year extension of the law, with stronger price and credit controls, restoration of livestock slaughter quotas, and repeal of import restrictions on fats and oils.

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## Fresno OPS Plan Success

Fresno, Calif.—The Fresno plan worked.

Fresno was one of 3 communities in which the Office of Price Stabilization experimented with a community food-pricing program, whereby stores posted ceiling prices on each item. The plan was described in the AFL News-Reporter on Feb. 13.

Grocers complained, the Wall Street Journal said the plan was all nonsense, but the posting of prices in the groceries brought prices down from a penny to 14 cents on 20 commonly used food items.

Affected were such staples as lard, shortening, frozen foods, flour, baby foods, canned milk, canned peas, canned beans, dry peas, dry beans, and salad and cooking oils.

## Lucky Catfish

William R. Welch of Hayward has received a casting rod and reel prize for his return of a catfish tag—the first in State history.

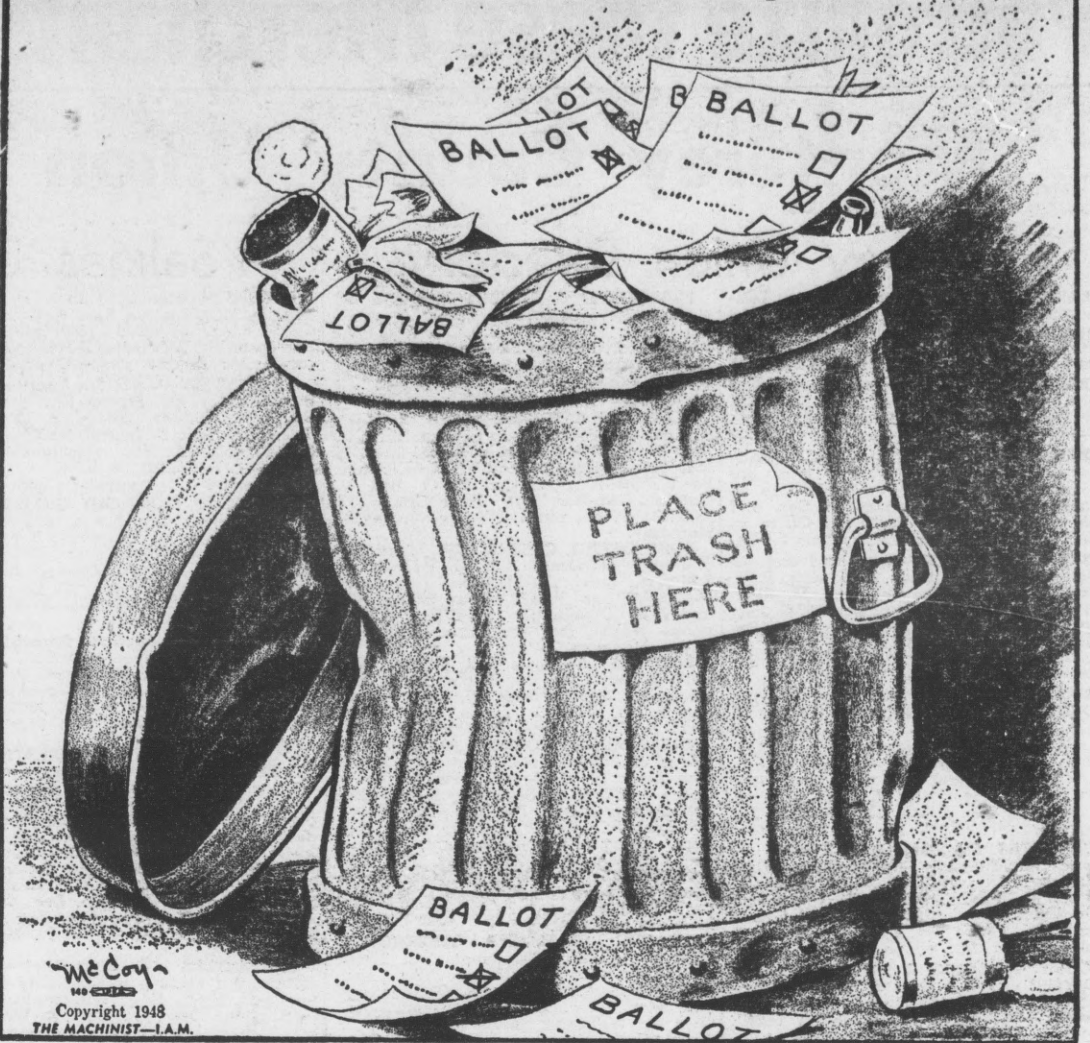
The angling gear was presented by the Foothill Sportsmen's Club of Oakland, cooperating with the California Department of Fish and Game.

Welch's lucky catfish was tagged by the Department at the Antioch Bridge on January 15. It was caught February 10 near Frank's Tract.

Ruth B. Scheffer of 2019 South Hunter, Stockton turned in the second catfish tag on the State's books and received a prize of 100 yards of bait casting line. Her fish was tagged February 11 and caught six days later.



## Ballot Box for Those Who Don't Register!



## WE WENT IN HOCK BY \$8 BILLION MORE DURING PAST YEAR

New York (LPA)—America went in hock \$8 billion more in 1951 than in 1950, the Institute of Life Insurance announced Feb. 26. It was the sixth year in a row that personal debt had increased faster than personal cash assets.

Personal cash assets include cash, bank deposits, government securities and savings and loan shares. These increased by \$6 billion in 1951, but personal debts climbed by more than \$8 billion, despite more severe credit terms in 1951.

That is why union leaders declare they prefer price roll-backs to further wage increases growing out of price increases.

"Today, we have a more compelling reason than ever before for renewing that statement," said one leader. Thousands of our members are walking the street in search of work. Most of them are trying to exist on pitifully inadequate state unemployment compensation. Others have already exhausted those benefits and are now compelled to pauperize themselves in order to get a pittance from public welfare.

"Those unemployed workers must pay those outrageously high prices. And the fat and well-fed representatives of the Board of Commerce who say that an unemployed worker can live on \$27 a week are cruel and dangerous liars.

"The plight of pensioners and others on fixed incomes is second only to that of the unemployed. We who are fortunate enough to have achieved the partial protection afforded by cost-of-living clauses in our contracts still cannot feel secure or satisfied while millions of Americans are priced out of the market for the necessities of life.

"This new high in the cost-of-living lends enormous significance to the President's demand that Congress enact improvements in the price control law. The present law has had its purpose defeated by its own 'built-in' inflationary provisions, notably through the Capehart and Herlong amendments.

"Yet there are those who are today swarming about the halls of Congress demanding an end to what feeble controls over prices are afforded by the present act. To listen to their dangerous nonsense would of course throw the American people open to complete disaster.

"Congress must act now to alleviate the hardships brought about by these enormously increased living costs. We must have a new and effective price control act; and we must have federal supplementation to state unemployment compensation through enactment of the Moody-Dingell Bill."

## Reject Proposal To Import Korean Labor to California

(State Fed. Release)

The U. S. State Department last week rejected the Big Money proposal that America import thousands of South Koreans for the farm labor fields of California and the southwest.

Congressman John F. Shelley of San Francisco, former president of the California State Federation of Labor, had led the Washington protests against the Korean plan sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The State Department advised the Farm Bureau organization that the plan was too dangerous in view of possible diplomatic repercussions, warning that the proposals would give Communist propagandists a chance to accuse America of enslaving Asiatics at the very moment the Allies are trying to negotiate a truce in Korea and build good will throughout the Far East.

Washington sources revealed that the Farm Bureau Federation had suggested the Korean plan to State and Defense Departments several months ago, claiming that both California farmers and Korean workers would benefit.

The Korean farm plan had been militantly opposed in California by the California State Federation of Labor, which charged that such a scheme would merely aggravate the critical situation already developed through exploitation of Mexican contract and "wetback" labor.